

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Giammaria SITAR

Examiner: Vera Afremova

Serial No.: 09/937,137

Art Unit: 1651

Filed: September 21, 2001

Atty. Dkt.: 3026-101

For: A METHOD FOR THE SEPARATION OF FETAL CELLS FROM THE
MATERNAL PERIPHERAL BLOOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith his petition to extend the time to respond to the Office Action of August 1, 2005 for two months from November 1, 2005 to Tuesday, January 3, 2006. The petition fee under 35 USC §1.17(a)(2) of \$225.00 for a small entity is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in this fee or charge any overpayment to deposit account 50-3135.

In response to the Office Action of August 1, 2005, applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 8.

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